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BUT REDUCE THE NUMBER OF TUDENTS AS A FIRST ATTEMPT
TO RING PROBRAM WITHIN RANT TRAINING BUDGET. WE
BELIEVE THEY NEXT WOULD ELIMINATE LOW PRIORITY COURCES
AND SEEK SIMILAR TRAINING IN CHEAPER NON US
SCHOOLS IN UK, IRAN ROCK PAKISTAN AND POSSIBLY USSR.
EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH SYRIA AS AN ITERMEDIARY.

4 CURRENT TRAINING RPGRAM OF GREATST BENEFIT
TO US INTERESTS ARE THOSE THAT TIE JAFS MAJOR
WEAPONS SYSTEM TO US SOURCES AND THUS LINK JORDANANS
MILITARY CAPABILITIES AND INCLINATIONS TO S
DIPLOMATIC INTERESTS INMIDDLE EAST. OF PARTIUCARL
INTEREST ARE INSTRUCTOR AND PROFESSIONAL MILITARY
EDUCATIONAL (PME) COURSES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO GOJ'S
ABILITY TO GIVE MILITARY TRAINING TO OTHER ARAB
COUNTRIES--ESPECIALLY OIL PRODUCERS IN ARAB PENINSULA,
WHICH SUBSEQNETLY REDUCES THE IMPACT ON US MILITARY
TRAINING BASE IN CONSUS. PME COURSES TRAIN SENIOR
OFFICERS WHO USUALLY RETURN WITH FRIENDLY US TIES
AND STRONG APPRECIATION OF US MILITARY TRAINING AND
HARDWARE. ALL PRESENT TRAINING OF THIS TYPE IS
CURENTLY BEING PROBIDED UNDER GA. IF COSTS BOUBLE,
GA PROGRAMS JAF CONSIDERS ESSENTIAL MAY BE CONTINUED--
EG COMBAT ARMS CAREER COURSES, REDEYE-TOW/Dragon
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GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE FLYING COURSES EQUIPMENT
SUPPORT COURSES (MAIN OFF AGE NDI, STRUCTURAL
REPAIR) COMPUTER OFFICER FLIGHT SAFETY OFFICER.
HOWEVER STUDENT TOTALS WOULD HAVE TO BE REDUCED TO
STAY WITHIN CURRENT PROGRAM FUNDING LEVEL OF DOLLARS
800,000.

5. RE PARAS 5D AND E REFTEL WE BELIEVE THAT RATHER
THAN DROPPING SPECIFIC COURSES, JAF WILL FIRST TRY TO
REDUCE QUOTAS ALLOTTED TO ALL COURSES. ITS FALLBACK
POSITION WOULD PROBABLY BE TO DROP COURSES IN WHICH
STUDENTS PREVIOUSLY HAVE BEEN TRAINED AND THOSE THAT
ARE LOW IN PRIORITY³ EG FIELD RADIO REPAIR, ARMOR
AND ARTILLER REPAIR, PARACHUTE RIGGER, AIR CONDITIONING
SPECIALISTS. ETC.

6. RE PARA 5F REFTEL, WITH EXCEPTION OF HAWK/VULCAN
TRAINING WHICH IS DESIGNED TO BE THIRD COUNTRY.
FINANCED AND JEIM ALL TRAINING IS GRANT TRAINING.
THUS ELIMINATION OF GRANT TRAINING WOULD ELIMINATE
OUR ENTIRE MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM WITH EXCEPTION
OF THE HAWK VULCAN SYSTEM AND JEIM. JORDAN IS FINANCIALLY
UNABLE TO ASSUME LARGE BURDEN OF SHIFT TO FMS
TRAINING WITHOUT HEAVY IMPACT ON ITS OTHER
BUDGETTED ACTIVITIES AND IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THIRD
PARTY FINANCED WOULD BE FORTHCOMING TO SHIFT
PRESENT RABAT SUBSIDIES FROM PRESENT USES TO
MILITARY TRAINING.

7. AS AN ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION PARA 2 REFTEL
SUGGESTS THAT LARGE PRICE INCREASES MIGHT BE
RETROACTIVE TO JAN 1, 1976. JAF WOULD REACT MOST
NEGATIVELY TO SUCH RETROACTIVITY GIVEN UNPRECEDENTED
AND EXCEPTIONAL NATURE OF PROPOSED PRICE INCREASES.

8. AMBASSADORS PERSONAL COMMENT: JORDAN IS THE
LARGEST CURRENT RECIPIENT OF GRAN MAP MATERIAL
(OUTSIDE OF ISRAEL WHERE IT ASSUMES A DIFFERENT FORM)
JORDANIANS HAVE LONG VALUED GRANT TRAINING, IN
PARTICULAR BECAUSE THEY GOT MORE TRAINING FOR THEIR
DOLLAR. THEY WERE PARTICULARLY DISTURBED WHEN
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THEIR GRANT TRAINING PROGRAM WAS CUT THIS YEAR
(WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH THEM) FROM AN EXPECTED
\$1.5 MILLION TO \$0.8 MILLION. WHILE WE HAVE NEVER
RECEIVED ANY CLEAR EXPLANATION OF THIS STEP THERE
ARE SOME ELEMENTS OF FENCING IN TRAINING AS A
SEPARATE PROGRAM IN ORDER TO TRY TO PRESERVE ITS
EXISTENCE IN THE VENT GRANT MAP FOR MATERIAL IS

ENDED BY CONGRESS. CUTTING JORDAN'S PROGRAM
UNDER THESE CONDITION SMAKC OF A CASE OF :DESTROYING
THE PROGRAM IN ORDER TO SAVE IT". FURTHER CUTS
THROUGH PRICE INCREASES WILL FURTHER LIMIT JORDAN'S
ABILITY TO TRAIN ITS MEN TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN
ITS FORCES, HERETOFORE A POINT OF GREAT PRICE AND
ACHIEVEMENT IN THE JAF. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE
WHEN THE CUTS SEEM TO BEAR NO RELATIONSHIP TO THE
SIZE OF THE PROGRAM, THE FACT THAT ALL OF JORDAN'S
FUNDING (CREDIT AND GRANT) COMES TO ITS EFFECTIVELY
AS GRANT AND THAT THIRD COUNTRY FUNDING IS UNRELIABLE
AND THIRD COUNTRY TRAINING IS NOT IN OUR OR JORDAN'S
INTEREST. MY STRONG RECOMMENDATION SHOULD THESE
PRICE INCREASES TO THROUGH IT TO DEVOTE A MUCH
LARGER SHARE OF OUR PROGRAM TO JORDAN FOR GRANT
MAP TRAINING. NO OTHER COURSES OF ACTION SEEMS
TO BE AVAILABLE TO MAINTAIN THE PRESENT MILITARY AND
POLITICAL ADVANTAGES IN OUR GPRAO AND AVOID THE
POTENTIAL PITFALLS SO WELL DESCRIBED IN THE PRECEDING
PARAGRAPHS. AS FOR EX POST FACTOR PRICE INCREASES
IT IS HIGH HANDED, UNSEEMLY AND CERTAINLY SO FAR
FROM THE BEST TRADITION OF AMERICA AS TO NOT REQUIRE
FURTHER COMMENT FROM ME.
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